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Title: METHODS FOR MAKING CHARACTER
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed March 13, 2003. An earlier response titled "Amendment with RCE" was filed on July 29, 2003, with a petition for a two-month extension of time. Subsequently, the Office mailed a Communication (August 14, 2003) in which the response required by 37 CFR 1.114 (RCE) was deemed incomplete for failure to include a reply to outstanding the final office action "to address the issues therein" and for not including "the status of claims 93-101." It is believe that this revised response addresses these issues. As such, it should be treated as a complete response to the outstanding office action as required by 37 CFR 1.114 and 37 CFR 1.111.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which being on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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